

# Two Kidnaped Americans Released By Villa, Is Report

## WAR TIME DRY LAW UPHHELD

### VILLA PLACED RANSOM AT 10,000 PESOS

Officials Believe Carranza Is Trying to Force President's Hand.

FEEL WATCHING SHOULD END

Leaders In Both Parties United In Ideas on Disciplining of Mexico.

EAGLE PASS, Tex., Dec. 15.—All prisoners taken by Villista soldiers in their raid on Musquiz, including Fred G. Hugo, American, resident of Eagle Pass, have been released without payment of ransom money, G. M. Seruiz, Mexican consul here, announced today.

Representations have been made to the Mexican government by the State Department demanding that steps be taken to secure the release of Fred C. Hugo, an American reported to be held by Villistas, and also an American named Phillips, who is reported to be held.

An investigation of the Villista raid on Musquiz which led to the capture of the Americans has been ordered by the State Department.

Reports to the State Department concerning Phillips are vague and indefinite.

Reports declared that the Villistas ransacked the town of Musquiz.

### VILLA BANDITS HOLD HUGO IN MOUNTAINS

EAGLE PASS, Tex., Dec. 15.—Fred C. Hugo, American captured by Villa bandits in the Musquiz raid, is being held in the El Pino mountains, according to word reaching here today.

J. M. Dobie, who employed Hugo as manager of his 200,000-acre ranch near Musquiz, is here directing the attempts to procure the American's (Continued on Page 11, Column 2.)

### Fourteen Christmas Opportunities

Making an appeal for gifts not because of the high cost of living, but because of the cost of just living at all, the Associated Charities today, announced its Fourteen Christmas Opportunities.

In them are outlined the imperative needs of fourteen families in the District to whom Christmas morning will mean only another bleak and dreary day unless those more fortunate come to their assistance. The total amount needed to keep these fourteen homes together is \$10,000.

These opportunities enable those who wish to aid materially the less fortunate to make a contribution that will go entirely, without reduction for any purpose, to the families desired to be aided.

Through these opportunities, Christmas gifts can be made that will continue effective for twelve months. They offer a wide choice in giving help. Those whose sympathies go out to the physically afflicted will find a chance to help the family whose breadwinner has been stricken with total blindness, as described in Opportunity No. 1, or to the crippled mother who works from sun-up to sun-down, and then more, with her sewing machine to keep hunger away from her five little children, as described in Opportunity No. 13. To those who would be touched by the tragedy of old age, with disease preventing income-bearing work, there is Opportunity No. 5. Some are expected to find sympathy with the foreign-born mother and the youngsters in whom she is instilling Americanism, as described in Opportunity No. 7.

Every one of these fourteen families has been found a need of material help. The money contributed to them will aid in giving a fair start in the world to sixty-one children, help in many cases to provide them with healthy bodies and active minds, and lift a burden of worry from the mind of thirteen mothers and three old folks.

Contributions should be sent to the Associated Charities, 923 H street northwest, or to the office of The Times, and will be promptly acknowledged.

OPPORTUNITY NO. 1: THE FATHER GOES BLIND, BRAVELY RE-EDUCATING HIMSELF.

The tragedy of total blindness has entered this home of father, mother and two children, under twelve. The breadwinner was a real partner to direct him and keep his books when he gets into business. The expenses of the family for living and education are aiding and relatives are assisting according to their limited ability. (Continued on Page 6, Column 3.)

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## WILL YOU Be a Good Fellow?

Big-hearted Washingtonians, Realizing Need of Many of City's Unfortunates, Set Out to Double Their Number This Week.

The Good Fellows are out today to double their number before the week is over. Dozens of Good Fellows have made known their intention to get another Good Fellow in the movement to banish gloom in the homes of the less fortunate before the week is ended.

In every case where a Good Fellow has been assigned to a family, he has found their needs great—in many cases greater than the individual Good Fellow felt he himself could care for.

**Spirit of Good Fellows.**

This letter today from Mrs. Rosa Putnam, of Columbia Hospital, is typical:

"I have investigated the home you assigned to me and after talking with the mother I immediately came to the conclusion that in this home there is something more than just toys needed, so I am forming a club of Good Fellows, so you can rest assured that this family of three will have a good Christmas and the boys will get their toys. Furthermore, I

### NORMAL COAL SUPPLY NEAR, SAY LEADERS

Production May Reach Pre-Strike Levels Today, According to Lewis.

MINERS AT WHITE HOUSE

Ask Secretary Tumulty to Give Their Thanks to President For Settlement.

Bituminous coal production should be nearly back to normal today, President Lewis of the United Mine Workers said after a visit to Secretary Tumulty at the White House.

"The problem is now mainly one of transportation," Lewis declared. He said that the mines would produce more coal than the railroads for a time would be able to handle.

Not in Court Tomorrow.

Lewis and Secretary Green, of the miners, will not appear in Judge Anderson's court at Indianapolis tomorrow when the contempt proceedings against union officials are to be resumed. They will be represented by attorneys, they said.

President Wilson is expected to take the next step in the coal situation soon.

The President has tentatively selected the members of the commission of three which is to adjust the wages of the miners and fix new prices on coal if necessary.

The president has been withholding the appointment of the commission until he is advised by Attorney General Palmer that the miners have complied with the other terms of the settlement proposition and have returned to their work. The Attorney General was confident that reports would come in today which would indicate that the great majority of the miners have returned to their work, and he would so notify the President.

Will Speed Inquiry.

Once appointed the commission is expected to get to work immediately, for its work must be completed within sixty days.

Operators are watching the appointment of the commission with the eye of the ex-king.

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### For Relief of Washington Police Families

The shooting of Detective John E. Armstrong last night has emphasized the need of a substantial and adequate fund for the families of Washington policemen who die while on duty.

Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh already has under way the preparations for a benefit ball to be held at Wardman Park Inn on December 20. The entire proceeds from the ticket sale will go to the Metropolitan Police Relief Association fund, Mrs. Walsh paying all expenses in connection with the ball.

Direct cash contributions to the fund are also invited from the residents of Washington. The Times is glad to announce its contribution of \$1,000 to this fund. It will also receive and acknowledge any contributions which its readers send.

The sentiment of all good citizens of the District should be that reflected by Vice President Marshall in a letter to Mrs. Walsh. The letter follows:

Dear Mrs. Walsh:

The sad and startling news of the shooting of Sergeant James E. Armstrong, a high grade member of the police force of this city, brings prominently to my mind your laudable effort, through the ball to be given on the night of the 20th to procure a fund which will make all such courageous men feel that though they may fall in the discharge of public duty their families will not be subject to want or to charity, but that they will, out of the fund, be rewarded for their services.

The tickets for the ball should be paid for in that way. I am doing the best I can, and I enclose you herewith a check for \$25 for two tickets.

Hoping everybody will do better, I am, cordially and sincerely yours,

THOS. R. MARSHALL.

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### PLEDGES LIFE TO CURE OF "SLEEPING SICKNESS"

Following Death of His Son, Chicago Physician Will Devote Himself to Conquest of Malady.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—A pledge to spend the remainder of his life in attempting to find a cure for "sleeping sickness" was made by Dr. R. D. Pope, Long Beach, Cal., following the death of his son from that disease here.

Young Pope, who was a senior at the University of Chicago, died after a short illness.

DEATH HOUSE CROWDED AT SING SING PRISON

OSSENING, N. Y., Dec. 15.—The death house at Sing Sing prison is crowded to capacity, and it has become necessary to use an emergency room. Warden Edward V. Brophy announced today.

There are twenty-seven awaiting execution. Six murderers are due to be electrocuted in the week of January 5.

Don't Take Chances.

You are in danger when you neglect that cold. Begin taking Falter John's Medicine today. 50 years in use.—Adv.

### 'SORRY,' SAYS BOY-SLAYER IN HIS CELL

Bandit Who Killed Auto Man and Shot Detective, Tells of Wayward Life.

WOUNDED OFFICER MAY DIE

Physicians Predict Crisis in 12 Hours for Policeman Who Fell Making Arrest.

"I am sorry, but that'll do me no good."

Thus nineteen-year-old John McHenry today expresses his feelings after killing Wallace W. Mulcare and probably mortally wounding Detective Sergeant James E. Armstrong last night in a daring hold-up of Mulcare's automobile accessories shop, at 1222 Fourteenth street northwest.

At Providence Hospital, physicians are fighting to save the life of Armstrong, who has two bullet wounds in his abdomen and a third in his right thigh. It was announced this afternoon that his condition, which gives slight hope of his recovery, will remain unchanged for the next twelve hours, when the crisis will be reached.

Slayer Sobs in Cell.

McHenry sat sobbing in his cell in No. 10 Police precinct station this morning after awaking from a night of horror. He said he killed because he was hungry, but later admitted this was just an excuse.

He is just plain bad, the police say—as bad as eleven years of waywardness, the absence of home influence and the evil ways of the society with which he associated can make a boy of nineteen years.

Ran Away From Home at 8.

McHenry says he was born in St. Louis. When he was eight years old he ran away from home and never returned. Perhaps he never will return alive.

Last night the hand of fate led this youth out Fourteenth street, in from Thomas Circle, after he had been (Continued on Page 4, Column 1.)

### NEW YORK CAR LINES SUGGEST CITY CONTROL

Heads of Traction Corporations Propose Municipal Operation of Cars.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Heads of the several Greater New York traction corporations and city officials are working on a plan whereby this city will take over all its transportation lines, it became known today.

The plan has been referred to the directors of the several companies for their approval.

### R. R. MEN AND U. S. AGREE ON SLOW FREIGHT PLANS

Agreement has been reached by the four railroad brotherhoods and the Railroad Administration, on the question of wages to be paid employees in the slow freight service, it was announced today.

Under this agreement, time and one-half will be paid for time required to make runs in excess of what would be required if an average speed of 12½ miles an hour were maintained.

Under the settlement all special allowances formerly applicable between terminals are dispensed with.

LEAK IN SUPREME COURT DECISIONS UNDER PROBE

Disclosure was made today that a sweeping investigation of an alleged "leak" of decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States for speculative purposes in Wall Street has been conducted by the Department of Justice since November 22.

JOHN McHENRY, nineteen years old, who shot and killed W. W. Mulcare, auto accessories dealer, and wounded Detective Armstrong. The lad says hunger prompted the crime.



### Wan's Defense Springs Flank Attack on Chen, Prosecutor's Witness

Attorney Shea Inquires If He Knew He Had Been Shadowed By Police on Case—Life of Defendant in New York Sketched.

A mild sensation was created this morning by Attorney James A. O'Shea of counsel for Ziang Sun Wan, Chinese student, on trial in Criminal Court, No. 1, for first degree murder in connection with the death of Ben Sen Wu, one of the three members of the Chinese Educational Mission who were found slain January 29 last, when the attorney indicated his intention to attack the confession alleged to have been made to the police by Wan, demanded of Fohan H. Chen, student at the New York University, if he knew that he had been sought in connection with the murder as a result of the alleged admissions of Wan.

"Did detectives tell you that you had been accused of participation in the crime?" Chen was asked.

"No," rejoined Chen, with some emotion. "No mention was made to me of such accusation by Wan or anyone else."

Chen On the Stand.

Chen was placed on the stand by the government to prove that he had introduced Wan to officials of the United States Mortgage and Trust Company where he started a bank account with \$2,000 he had received from his relatives in Shanghai, China, for educational purposes. Chen said that instead of using the money for educational purposes, Wan told him he intended to invest the money in a moving picture theater in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Charles Diehl, assistant manager of a branch office of the U. S. Mortgage and Trust Company, asserted that he recalled Wan as making the deposit and identified cards bearing Wan's signature as a depositor at the financial institution. It was also shown by Diehl that on January 22, a few days before the triple murder was discovered at the Chinese education mission, that Wan's balance in the bank was \$41.07.

Mrs. Gertrude Bartels, 312 West 112th street, New York, where Wan and his brother, Tsong Ing Wan, lived for more than a year, was the first Government witness. She testified that the brothers lived at her home for more than a year, and that on January 22, after Wan had gone to Washington, Van received two telegrams from the brother, urging him to come to the Capital. She said that they returned to New York on January 30, and that Wan was ill and was in bed when Detective Sergeant Edward J. Kelly and Guy C. Burlingame,

of Washington, came to the house and placed him under arrest.

Wu Had Funds in Bank.

In an attempt to show that Wu, one of the murdered members of the Chinese mission, had funds in bank and had no occasion to forge the name of Dr. T. T. Wong to the \$5,000 check presented at the Riggs National Bank by Van, District Attorney John E. Laskey placed C. D. Hatcliff, vice president of the Muncy Trust Company on the stand to testify that Wu had \$15,27 on deposit when he had been slain.

How Dr. Wong, head of the Chinese Educational Mission at 2023 Kalorama road northwest, and his assistants, C. H. Hale and Wu, were murdered in cold blood January 29 last; how their friends discovered their half-decomposed bodies; how the police traced the suspected slayer; how the latter denied any knowledge of the crime, but finally confessed to having killed Wu, and identified the body as that of Ben Sen Wu—all this was dramatically described by Assistant District Attorney Bolitha J. Laws in his opening statement to the jury, before which, with Justice Gould presiding, Wan is on trial.

Full Case Outlined.

A large crowd filled the courtroom and everybody listened eagerly to the statement of Mr. Laws, who with District Attorney Laskey represents the government. The accused, seated behind his attorney, James A. O'Shea, paid close attention to every word of the prosecutor as he welded together a chain of circumstantial evidence which the government expects will be strong enough to convict the prisoner.

The statement of Mr. Laws, which is the first complete and exclusive official version of the crime ever published, followed:

"The charge in this case is murder in the first degree. Ziang Sun Wan is charged with the murder of Ben Sen Wu. The killing occurred on the night of Wednesday, January 29, 1919, at 2023 Kalorama road northwest in this city. This house was occupied by officers of the Chinese educational mission. This mission was sent to the United States from China for the education of Chinese persons in the United States. Dr. Theodore Wong was director and head of the mission. C. H. Hale was secretary of the mission and Ben Sen Wu, a young Chinese man of twenty-one

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### PEACE ALONE CAN LIFT BAN, COURT RULES

Decision Does Not Settle Whether or Not 2.75 Per Cent Beer May Be Sold.

LOSE \$440,000,000 LEVY

Rulings Specifically Affirm and Reverse Findings of Lower Tribunals.

War-time prohibition is constitutional, the Supreme Court today declared.

Enforcement of the act must continue until peace is proclaimed, the court decreed.

The decision was a sweeping victory for the contentions of the prohibitionists and the Government. It means that the millions of gallons of intoxicating liquors now stored throughout the country and valued at about \$1,000,000,000 will be a near total loss unless peace is proclaimed before constitutional prohibition becomes effective.

The court held that the provision of the wartime act stating that the prohibition shall end on the conclusion of the war can have no other legal meaning than the proclamation of peace.

Lose \$440,000,000 Levy.

Because of the decision, the Government will lose \$440,000,000 in revenue from whiskey alone, unless the ban is lifted before January 16.

The opinion was read by Justice Brandeis.

The vote of the court on the question was unanimous.

The court's decision means the clamping down again of the lid in all sections where it was lifted by Federal court injunctions, and subjects all who thus sold intoxicating liquors to prosecution.

In Louisville, St. Louis, New Orleans, and Providence, R. I., courts held the act unconstitutional.

The question was disposed of in record-breaking time by the court, final arguments being concluded on November 21, or about three weeks ago.

The decision of the court does not settle whether 2.75 beer can be sold under war time prohibition.

The decisions today both specifically reversed and affirmed the decisions of lower courts. The suits were appealed to the high court by

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